

I believe it is in the national interest for the radio and TV stations represented by NAB to compete with all commercial users of the radio spectrum. The government should therefore allow satellite radio to develop and compete with traditional radio and TV. Satellite radio should be able to broadcast any local content that it wants over its channels. I would object to any attempt to prevent satellite radio from broadcasting local news and weather over channels meant to be of interest psrimarily in specific localities. In our free society, competition, not regulation, is supposed to be the mechanism by which businesses either profit or lose. Likewise freedom of speech is a fundamental right, zealously defended by nearly all media outlets. It seems unlikely that traditional radio and TV will be displaced or seriously hurt by satellite radio. But if it happens that local radio and TV lose out to satellite services and cable, then so be it. We don't miss covered wagons or buggy whips much, do we?